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| UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL <i>(Only for new nonprovisional applications under 37 CFR 1.53(b))</i> | Attorney Docket No. | 8021-207 (SS-19608-US) |
| | First Inventor | Young-Rae PARK |
| | Title | Method of Planarizing an Interlayer..... |
| | Express Mail Label No. | EV 413369855US |

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| APPLICATION ELEMENTS <i>See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents.</i> | ADDRESS TO: Assistant Commissioner for Patents Box Patent Application Washington, DC 20231 |
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- ☒ Fee Transmittal Form (e.g., PTO/SB/17)
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- ☐ Applicant claims small entity status.
See 37 CFR 1.27.
- ☒ Specification [Total Pages **31**]
(preferred arrangement set forth below)
 - Descriptive title of the invention
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 - Background of the Invention
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 - Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)
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 - Claim(s)
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- ☐ Application Data Sheet. See 37 CFR 1.76

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| ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS | |
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☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

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Application Number
Filing Date February 12, 2004
First Named Inventor Young-Rae PARK
Examiner Name
Art Unit
Attorney Docket No. 8021-207 (SS-19608-US)

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| Large Entity Fee Code (\$) | Small Entity Fee Code (\$) | Fee Description | Fee Paid |
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| 1001 770 | 2001 385 | Utility filing fee | 770.00 |
| 1002 340 | 2002 170 | Design filing fee | |
| 1003 530 | 2003 265 | Plant filing fee | |
| 1004 770 | 2004 385 | Reissue filing fee | |
| 1005 160 | 2005 80 | Provisional filing fee | |
| SUBTOTAL (1) (\$) | | | |

2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES FOR UTILITY AND REISSUE

| Total Claims | Extra Claims | Fee from below | Fee Paid |
|--------------------|--------------|----------------|----------|
| 25 | -20** = 5 | 18 | 90 |
| 3 | -3** = 0 | 86 | 0 |
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|----------------------------|----------------------------|--|
| 1202 18 | 2202 9 | Claims in excess of 20 |
| 1201 86 | 2201 43 | Independent claims in excess of 3 |
| 1203 290 | 2203 145 | Multiple dependent claim, if not paid |
| 1204 86 | 2204 43 | ** Reissue independent claims over original patent |
| 1205 18 | 2205 9 | ** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent |
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| 1051 130 | 2051 65 | Surcharge - late filing fee or oath | |
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| 1053 130 | 1053 130 | Non-English specification | |
| 1812 2,520 | 1812 2,520 | For filing a request for <i>ex parte</i> reexamination | |
| 1804 920* | 1804 920* | Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action | |
| 1805 1,840* | 1805 1,840* | Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action | |
| 1251 110 | 2251 55 | Extension for reply within first month | |
| 1252 420 | 2252 210 | Extension for reply within second month | |
| 1253 950 | 2253 475 | Extension for reply within third month | |
| 1254 1,480 | 2254 740 | Extension for reply within fourth month | |
| 1255 2,010 | 2255 1,005 | Extension for reply within fifth month | |
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| 1402 330 | 2402 165 | Filing a brief in support of an appeal | |
| 1403 290 | 2403 145 | Request for oral hearing | |
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| 1452 110 | 2452 55 | Petition to revive - unavoidable | |
| 1453 1,330 | 2453 665 | Petition to revive - unintentional | |
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| 1503 640 | 2503 320 | Plant issue fee | |
| 1460 130 | 1460 130 | Petitions to the Commissioner | |
| 1807 50 | 1807 50 | Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q) | |
| 1806 180 | 1806 180 | Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt | |
| 8021 40 | 8021 40 | Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties) | 40.00 |
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Atty. Docket No. 8021-207 (SS-19608-US)

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APPLICATION FEE TRANSMITTAL

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of

Inventor(s): Young-Rae PARK, Jae-Dong LEE, Joon-Sang PARK,
Chang-Ki HONG

For: METHOD OF PLANARIZING AN INTERLAYER DIELECTRIC
LAYER

This application is a:

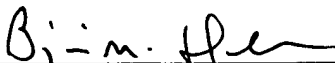
- ☒ New Application
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CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.10

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- ☒ 20 page(s) of specification
- ☒ 1 page(s) of Abstract
- ☒ 10 page(s) of claims
- ☒ 11 sheets of drawings ☒ formal ☐ informal
- ☒ 2 page(s) of Declaration and Power of Attorney
- ☒ An Assignment of the invention to:

SAMSUNG ELECTRONICS CO., LTD

- ☐ This application claims the benefit under 35 U.S.C. §119(e) of U.S. Provisional Application(s) No(s) .:

APPLICATION NO(S) .:

FILING DATE

- ☒ Priority under Title 35 United States Code, § 119 is claimed from:

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15 July 2003

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Additional papers enclosed:

- ☐ Preliminary Amendment
The fees to be charged are to be based on the number of claims remaining as a result of the attached Preliminary Amendment.
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement
- ☐ Form PTO-1449
- ☐ Other

Fee Calculation (37 C.F.R. §1.16)

| For | Number Filed | Number Extra | Rate | Basic Fee |
|-------------|-----------------|-----------------|------------|-----------|
| Total | | | | \$ 770.00 |
| Claims* | 25 - 20 = 5 | | x \$ 18.00 | \$ 90.00 |
| Independent | | | | |
| Claims | 3 - 3 = 0 | | x \$ 86.00 | \$.00 |
| Multiple | [] yes | Add'l. Fee | \$290.00 | \$ |
| Dependent | | | | |
| Claims | [X] no | Add'l. Fee | None | = \$ |
| TOTAL | | | | \$ 860.00 |

[] Applicant Claims Small Entity Status Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.27. Reduced fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.9(f) (50% of total) paid herewith \$.00.

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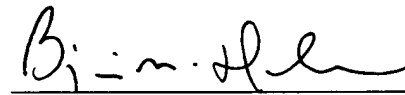
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Relate Back - 35 U.S.C. § 120

[] Amend the specification by inserting after the Title the sentence:

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